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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR
ALARCON OF CUBA

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR ALARCON DEVOTED MOST OF HIS ADDRESS TO THE DENUNCIATION OF "US IMPERIALISM" IN ASIA, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PACIFIC AND LATIN AMERICA. HE SAID THAT A NEW "REGIONAL AWARENESS" IS GROWING AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH PROMISES TO LEAD TO THEIR "SECOND INDEPENDENCE" FROM THE FORCES OF FASCISM AND COLONIALISM. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ISSUES OF PANAMA, CHILE AND PUERTO RICO FORM THE MOST IMPORTANT TEST CASES OF THIS TREND. WHILE VOICING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CLAIM OF PANAMA TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE PANAMA CANAL, HE DELIVERED A PARTICULARLY VITRIOLIC ATTACK AGAINST CHILEAN "FASCISM" WHICH HE PORTRAYED AS THE NATURAL ALLY OF RASCISM AND COLONILAIISM AS PERSONIFIED BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO REITERATED CUBA'S REFUSAL TO MODERATE ITS DEMANDS FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE IN RETURN FOR THE LIFTING OF US ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON CUBA, AND TERMED PUERTO RICO AN "ADMIRABLE EXAMPLE OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE" TO FOREIGN DOMINATION.

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2. ALARCON BEGAN BY DENOUNCING THE US VETO OF THE

ADMISSION OF THE TWO VIETNAMS TO THE UN AS AN EXPRESSION OF ITS CONTINUED HOSTILITY TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. HE URGED THE GA TO CONSIDER WAYS OF MOBILIZING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO CENSURE THE "WARMONGERING ATTITUDE" OF THE US ON THIS ISSUE. HE ALSO TERMED THE VICTORY OF THE VIETNAMESE, CAMBODIANS AND LAOTIANS AN INSPIRATION TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND CALLED ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO AID THESE COUNTRIES IN RECONSTRUCTING THEIR WAR-RAVAGED ECONOMIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE DEMANDED THAT THE US FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE WHICH IT HAS CREATED IN INDOCHINA.

3. TURNING TO OTHER ISSUES, ALARCON CASTIGATED "US IMPERIALISM" FOR ITS ATTEMPT TO DEPRIVE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE; ITS REFUSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH KOREA, AND PERMIT THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA; AND ITS MANEUVERING IN THE MIDDLE EAST DESIGNED TO ISOLATE SYRIA, PERPETUATE THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY, AND PREVENT THE RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. HE ALSO DEPLORED THE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BY THE "IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS", AND CALLED ON "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" TO INTENSIFY THEIR SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE.

4. ON EUROPEAN ISSUES, ALARCON CONDEMNED IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE IN THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION, AND URGED THE GA TO ADOPT "STRONG MEASURES" IN SUPPORT OF CYPRUS. HE ALSO WELCOMED THE RECENT HELSINKI CONFERENCE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOVIET POLICY OF EXPANDING DETENTE, AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE GA GIVE SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE NEW SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS. HE POINTED OUT THAT DETENTE COMPLEMENTED THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THEIR WORLD PEOPLES IN WEAKENING THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, AND EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR G-77 EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE NIEO THROUGH A SYSTEM OF INDEXATION AND THE "INTEGRATED PROGRAMME" FOR COMMODITIES.

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5. ALARCON SAID THAT THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE DEVELOPING A NEW "REGIONAL AWARENESS" WHICH WILL LEAD TO THEIR "SECOND INDEPENDENCE" FROM THE FORCES OF FASCISM AND COLONIALISM. AS EVIDENCE OF THIS TREND, HE CITED THE RECENT EFFORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES TO ASSERT THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES, THEIR ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS TO REGULATE THE EXPORT OF SUCH COM-

MODITIES AS COFFEE AND BANANAS, AND THEIR ATTEMPTS TO THROW OFF IMPERIALIST AND COLONIAL DOMINATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS IN BELIZE AND PUERTO RICO, AND ENDORSED THE CLAIM OF ARGENTINA TO THE MALVINAS ISLANDS.

6. ALARCON DECLARED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES IN LATIN AMERICA TODAY ARE THOSE INVOLVING CHILE, PANAMA AND PUERTO RICO. HE SAID THAT THE GOC FULLY SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF PANAMA TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THE PANAMA CANAL. HE ALSO DENOUNCED THE "FASCIST" REGIME IN CHILE AS THE NATURAL ALLY OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM AS PRACTICED BY SOUTH AFRICA, AND CITED THE RECENT VISIT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER TO URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY AS EVIDENCE OF THIS LINK. IN ADDITION, HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE REFUSAL OF CHILE TO PERMIT THE ENTRY OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AS PROOF OF ITS CONTEMPT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND URGED THE GA TO MAKE AN "APPROPRIATE" RESPONSE TO THIS INSULT.

7. ALARCON TERMED PUERTO RICO AN "ADMIRABLE EXAMPLE OF NATIONAL RESISTANCE" TO COLONIAL DOMINATION. HE REGRETTED THAT THE US HAS SUCCEEDED IN POSTPONING THE DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION. BUT HE PLEDGED THE GOC'S SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICO'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, AND REITERATED ITS REJECTION OF THE US OFFER TO LIFT ITS ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON CUBA IN RETURN FOR MODERATION OF THE CUBAN STAND ON PUERTO RICO'S INDEPENDENCE. IN THIS REGARD, HE QUOTED THE REMARKS OF PREMIER CASTRO TO THE EFFECT THAT CUBA WILL NOT SACRIFICE THE PURITY OF ITS PRINCIPLES TO GAIN ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES.

8. IN CONCLUDING, ALARCON REVIEWED CUBA'S SUCCESS IN "BUILD-
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ING SOCIALISM" AND ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL PUT INTO EFFECT ITS NEW SOCIALIST CONSTITUTION NEXT YEAR. HE SAID THAT CUBA'S DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTINUE DESPITE THE "IMPERIALIST BLOCKADE" AND THAT IT WILL STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS.
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